**Peer Review Plan**

Preliminary Title: From Where the Buffalo Roam: India’s Beef Exports

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,): SOR

Influential Scientific Information: [X]

Agency: Economic Research Service USDA

Highly Influential Scientific Assessment: [ ]

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Subject of Review: Since the late 2000s, India’s exports of beef—specifically water buffalo meat—have expanded rapidly, with India moving just ahead of Brazil to become the world’s largest exporter in 2014. India’s emergence as a major beef exporter has implications for the United States and other beef exporters who seek to expand exports to the primarily developing country markets now served by India. This study examines the available data and information on India’s beef exports, the size and export potential of its water buffalo herd, and its export-oriented beef processing industry. The key questions to be addressed concern the potential for continued growth in demand for buffalo meat among current and possible future Indian markets, India’s potential to continue to expand production and exports of buffalo meat, and the implications for US competitiveness in world markets.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/23/15 End: 02/09/16 Completed: 02/09/16

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization Organization’s Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No